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SUBJECT: TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL AND MARIANAS PLEBISCITE

1. MISSION IS AUTHORIZED TO TRANSMIT FOLLOWING TEXT OF
LETTER TO ACTING PRESIDENT OF THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL
INVITING VISITING MISSION TO OBSERVE JUNE 17 PLEBISCITE.

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ON FEBRUARY 15, 1975, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MARIANAS
DISTRICT OF THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS AND
THE UNITED STATES SIGNED A COVENANT WHICH WILL ESTABLISH
A COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS IN POLITICAL
UNION WITH THE UNITED STATES OF THE AMERICA UPON
TERMINATION OF THE TRUSTEESHIP AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED
STATES AND THE UNITED NATIONS. THE UNITED STATES SECRETARY
OF THE INTERIOR HAS ISSUED A PROCLAMATION ESTABLISHING JUNE
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17, 1975 AS THE DATE FOR A PLEBISCITE TO BE HELD THROUGHOUT

THE MARIANAS DISTRICT IN ORDER TO ENABLE RESIDENTS OF THE DISTRICT TO APPROVE OR REJECT THE COVENANT.

I HAVE BEEN AUTHORIZED BY MY GOVERNMENT TO EXTEND AN INVITATION THROUGH YOU TO THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL TO SEND A VISITING MISSION TO OBSERVE THIS PLEBISCITE. MY GOVERNMENT EXPECTS THAT THE VISITING MISSION WOULD COMPRIZE THE TRA-

DITIONAL NUMBER OF FOUR MEMBERS AND WOULD REMAIN IN THE DISTRICT FOR A PERIOD SUFFICIENTLY LONG TO ENABLE IT TO OBSERVE THE CAMPAIGN, THE ACTUAL POLLING AND THE COUNTING OF THE VOTES. MY GOVERNMENT IS PREPARED TO ARRANGE AN ITINERARY FOR THE MISSION WHICH WOULD ENABLE IT TO OBSERVE CAMPAIGNING AND POLLING THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT.

WHILE MY GOVERNMENT EXPECTS THAT THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF THE MISSION WOULD BE TO OBSERVE THE PLEBISCITE, THE MISSION WILL OF COURSE, BE WELCOME TO FAMILIARIZE ITSELF WITH POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENTS IN THE MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT.

MY GOVERNMENT HOPES THAT THE FORTHCOMING SESSION OF THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL WILL ACCEPT THIS INVITATION. KISSINGER UNQUOTE

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